

Memorandum on Pedestal Actuator Imports From the People's Republic of China

January 17, 2003

Memorandum for the United States Trade Representative

Subject: Presidential Determination on Pedestal Actuator Imports from the People's Republic of China

Pursuant to section 421 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2451), I have determined the action I will take with respect to the affirmative determination of the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) regarding imports of pedestal actuators from China. The USITC, on the basis of its investigation (No. TA-421-1), determined that pedestal actuators from China are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products.

After considering all relevant aspects of the investigation, I have determined that providing import relief for the U.S. pedestal actuator industry is not in the national economic interest of the United States. In particular, I find that the import relief would have an adverse impact on the United States economy clearly greater than the benefits of such action.

In determining not to provide import relief, I considered its overall costs to the U.S. economy. The facts of this case indicate that imposing the USITC's recommended quota would not likely benefit the domestic producing industry and instead would cause imports to shift from China to other offshore sources.

Even if the quota were to benefit the primary domestic producer, the cost of the quota to consumers, both the downstream purchasing industry and users of the downstream products, would substantially outweigh any benefit to producers' income. The USITC's analysis confirms this conclusion.

In addition, downstream industries are already under pressure to migrate production offshore to compete with lower-cost imports of finished products. Higher component

costs resulting from import relief would add to this pressure. Given the significantly larger number of workers in the downstream purchasing industry when compared with the domestic pedestal actuator industry, I find that imposing import restrictions would do more economic harm than good.

Finally, a quota would negatively affect the many disabled and elderly purchasers of mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs, the primary ultimate consumers of pedestal actuators.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This memorandum will be published in the *Federal Register* on January 22.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 13

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, in his private dining room, the President had lunch with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to discuss economic issues.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Everson to be Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Clay Johnson III to be Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dina Habib Powell as Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

January 14

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland, following their meeting in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vernon Bernard Parker to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights.

The President announced his intention to designate John Arthur Hammerschmidt as Vice Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint John Emory Fleming as a member of the National Museum of African History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars: Donald Earl Garcia, Bruce Stuart Gelb, Tamala Lynne Longaberger, and David Allan Metzner (Vice Chairman).

The White House announced the President's intention to nominate Susan Neely to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security.

The White House announced the appointment of Gordon Johndroe as Press Secretary at the Department of Homeland Security.

The White House announced the appointment of Rachael Sunbarger as Assistant Press Secretary at the Department of Homeland Security.

The White House announced the appointment of Liz Donnan as Staff Assistant in the White House Lower Press Office.

January 15

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with crew members of Space Shuttle Endeavour Mission STS-113 and International Space Station Expeditions 1, 4,

and 5. He then led the astronauts on a tour of the White House grounds.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to Camp David, MD, on January 31 for a meeting and an informal working dinner.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dee Ann McWilliams to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ricardo H. Hinojosa and Michael E. Horowitz to be members of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Eric Steven Lander as a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint James Philip Hoffa and Paul Norman Beckner as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

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The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ismail Omar Guelleh of Djibouti to the White House on January 21 to discuss cooperation against terrorism, regional issues including humanitarian development efforts, and combating HIV/AIDS.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Lucio Gutierrez of Ecuador to the White House on February 11.

The White House announced an upcoming visit by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to Washington, DC, to discuss cooperation against terrorism and

U.S. support for economic reform in the Philippines.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 13

John W. Snow,
of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Treasury,
vice Paul Henry O'Neill, resigned.

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Earl Cruz Aguigui,
of Guam, to be U.S. Marshal for the District
of Guam and concurrently U.S. Marshal for
the District of the Northern Mariana Islands
for the term of 4 years, vice Joaquin L.G.
Salas, term expired.

Eugene James Corcoran,
of New York, to be U.S. Marshal for the East-
ern District of New York for the term of 4
years, vice Daniel C. Byrne, term expired.

Allen Garber,
of Minnesota, to be U.S. Marshal for the Dis-
trict of Minnesota for the term of 4 years,
vice Charles Lester Zacharias, term expired.

Vernon Bernard Parker,
of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of
Agriculture (new position).

Submitted January 15

Cecilia M. Altonaga,
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the
Southern District of Florida, vice Shelby
Highsmith, retired.

Dee D. Drell,
of Louisiana, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Western District of Louisiana, vice F.A.
Little, Jr., retired.

Joseph Robert Goeke,
of Illinois, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax
Court for a term of 15 years after he takes
office, vice Herbert L. Chabot.

Patricia Head Minaldi,
of Louisiana, to be U.S. District Judge for
the Western District of Louisiana, vice James
T. Trimble, Jr., retired.

Robert A. Sturgell,
of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of
the Federal Aviation Administration, vice
Linda Hall Daschle.

Submitted January 16

Ricardo H. Hinojosa,
of Texas, to be a member of the U.S. Sen-
tencing Commission for a term expiring Oc-
tober 31, 2007, vice Joe Kendall, term ex-
pired.

Michael E. Horowitz,
of Maryland, to be a member of the U.S.
Sentencing Commission for a term expiring
October 31, 2007, vice Sterling Johnson, Jr.,
term expired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of
Other White House Announcements.

Released January 11

Fact sheet: Restoring Economic Confidence
and Tackling Corporate Fraud

Released January 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing
that the President signed a proclamation des-
ignating Afghanistan as a beneficiary devel-
oping country under the Generalized System
of Preferences program